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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (previously presented): A substantially pure O-Superfamily conopeptide comprising the amino acid sequence Xaa1-Cys-Ile-Xaa4-Ser-Gly-Asp-Leu-Cys-Phe-Arg-Ser-Asp-His-Ile-Gly-Cys-Cys-Ser-Gly-Lys-Cys-Ala-Phe-Val-Cys-Leu (SEQ ID NO:271), wherein Xaa1 is Trp or bromo-Trp and Xaa4 is Pro or hydroxy-Pro.

Claims 2-4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (previously presented). The substantially pure O-Superfamily conopeptide of claim 1, wherein Xaa1 is Trp.

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (previously presented). The substantially pure O-Superfamily conopeptide of claim 1, wherein Xaa4 is Pro.

Claim 8 (previously presented). The substantially pure O-Superfamily conopeptide of claim 1, wherein Xaa4 is hydroxy-Pro.

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (previously presented). The substantially pure O-Superfamily conopeptide of claim 1, wherein Xaa1 is 6-bromo-Trp.

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Claims 11-14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (previously presented): A substantially pure conotoxin precursor comprising an amino acid sequence Leu-Arg-Trp-Cys-Ile-Pro-Ser-Gly-Asp-Leu-Cys-Phe-Arg-Ser-Asp-His-Ile-Gly-Cys-Cys-Ser-Gly-Lys-Cys-Ala-Phe-Val-Cys-Leu (SEQ ID NO:270).

Claim 16 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a conotoxin peptide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, said conotoxin peptide being the O-Superfamily conopeptide of claim 1.

Claim 17 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a conotoxin peptide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, said conotoxin peptide being the O-Superfamily conopeptide of claim 39.

Claim 18 (previously presented): A method for regulating the flow of sodium through sodium channels in an individual in need thereof which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of the O-Superfamily conopeptide of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 19 (previously presented): A method for treating or preventing disorders associated with voltage gated ion channel disorders in which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of the O-Superfamily conopeptide of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The method of claim 18, wherein said individual in need

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thereof suffers from a disorder selected from the group consisting of multiple sclerosis, a demyelinating disease, sub-acute sclerosing panencephalomyelitis (SSPE), metachromatic leukodystrophy, Pelizaeus-Merzbacher disease, spinal cord injury, a compression and entrapment ~~neurophathy~~ neuropathy, and a cardiovascular disorder.

Claim 21 (original): The method of claim 19, wherein said disorder is a neurologic disorder.

Claims 22-28 (canceled)

Claim 29 (original): The method of claim 19, wherein said disorder is a cardiovascular disorder.

Claims 30-38 (canceled)

Claim 39 (previously presented): The substantially pure O-Superfamily conopeptide of claim 1, wherein Xaa1 is Trp and Xaa4 is Pro.

Claim 40 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a conotoxin peptide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, said conotoxin peptide being the conotoxin protein precursor of claim 15.

Claim 41 (previously presented): The method of claim 18, wherein the demyelinating disease is selected from the group consisting of acute disseminated encephalomyelitis, optic neuromyelitis, adrenoleukodystrophy, acute transverse myelitis and progressive multifocal

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leukoencephalopathy.

Claim 42 (currently amended): The method of claim 18, wherein the compression and entrapment ~~neuropathy~~ neuropathy is selected from the group consisting of carpal tunnel syndrome and ulnar nerve palsy.

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Claim 43 (currently amended): The method of claim 18, wherein the cardiovascular disorder is ~~selected~~ selected from the group consisting of cardiac arrhythmias and congestive heart failure.